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SUBJECT BERLIN TRANSIT ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS: TELTOW CANAL

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1. ON MARCH 19, SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ PASSED TO ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS DRAFT LETTER FROM SENATOR FOR BUILDING AND HOUSING TO GDR MINISTRY FOR TRAFFIC INDICATING THAT SENAT IS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON RE-OPENING OF TELTOW CANAL. HE ASKED FOR ALLIED APPROVAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE FEDREP GAUS WAS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT ON MARCH 24 ON IMPROVEMENTS OF HIGHWAYS. SENAT WANTED ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR TO BEGIN NOT LONG AFTER WARDS. HERZ ADDED THAT GAUS PLANNED TO MAKE CLEAR IN STATEMENT AT OUTSET OF HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR THAT SENAT WOULD ONLY NEGOTIATE TECHNICAL, LOCAL PROBLEMS OF OPENING TELTOW CANAL AND THAT ANY DISCUSSIONS OF FUTURE CANAL TRAFFIC WERE TO BE
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CONDUCTED IN FRG-GDR CHANNELS. (HERZ PROVIDED ALLIES

WITH MARCH 18 LETTER FROM CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE TO
SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS STOBBE SETTING FORTH THIS
POSITION AND AUTHORIZING SENAT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS
WHEN PERMISSION OF "THREE POWERS" RECEIVED.)

2. HERZ SAID THAT AS SOON AS ALLIED AGREEMENT WAS
RECEIVED AND LETTER DISPATCHED TO GDR, SENAT WOULD MAKE
PRESS STATEMENT NOTING THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR WERE
BEING UNDERTAKEN WITH FULL AGREEMENT OF ALLIES AND FRG.
HE NOTED THAT BONN, IN GIVING APPROVAL FOR SENAT TO
NEGOTIATE, HAD PLACED GREAT IMPORTANCE ON PUBLICIZING ITS
APPROVAL.

3. WE PRESENTLY STUDYING SENAT PROPOSAL AND THERE IS
TO BE ALLIED POLAD MEETING MARCH 21. WE WILL PROVIDE
OUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
ALTHOUGH, AT FIRST GLANCE, THIS PROCEDURE APPEARS TO
MEET ALLIED REQUIREMENTS. GEORGE

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